

Field Names in Galleywood

In our Newsletter number two **Pauline Potts** introduced us to some of her research on Essex Place Names. Here she recalls some of the Field Names that once were used in our village.

LOCATIONAL: West Lawn, West Field, Boundary Field, Common Field, Home Mead, Lane Field, Field over Road, Corner Field, Middle Field, Garden Field, Cottage Field, Road Piece, Bridge Field, Clapgate Field, Opposite House, Further Field,
TOPOGRAPHICAL: Ridge Field, Hilly Field, Flat Field, High Field, Cross Path Field,
OWNERSHIP: Blacksmiths Field, Doctors Field, Hither Church Field.
FARM BUILDINGS: Barn Field, Staple Mead, Yard Field, Further Shed Field, Dung Cart Field, Cowhouse Field, Hay Barn Field.
FERTILISERS: Marl Pit Field, Great Potash.
INDUSTRIAL: Brick Field, Tile Kiln Bottom, Clay Pit Field, Brickhouse Mead, Clay Bakers Field, Pit Field, Sawpit Field, Mill Field, Malting Field.
WATER: The Quag, Well Field, Pond Field, Brook Field, The Marsh, River and Gutter Field, Middle River Field, Sluice Field.
TREES: Wood Field, Grove Field, Crabtree Field, Spring, Orchard Meadow, Oaking Grove, Plumtree Field, Cherry Garden.
ANIMALS: Cat Pond, Warren.
PLANTS AND CROPS: Rye Grass Field, Fallow Fields, Rush Field, Mushroom Field, Bushey Croft, Kitchen Field.
MARK OF APPROVAL: Great Golden Ley.
MARKS OF DISAPPROVAL: Stony Leys, Small Gains, Upper Thistledown.
SHAPE: Slipe (long and narrow) Little Long Field, Three Corner Field, Rainbow Meadow, Angular Acre, Shoulder Mutton Piece.
SIZE: Hoppit (small enclosure), Pint Pot, Quart Pot Pasture, Little Field, Pightle (small piece of land).
PUBLIC HOUSES: Blue Lion Meadow, Bear Meadow.
MISCELLANEOUS: Hobgoblins Hole, Hap Meadow, Turnpike Field, Castor Field, Shooting Field, Dark Field, Hither Nightless (pasture used at night) Lower Rail Piece (land enclosed with a rail fence), Lower Barrow Field, Battery Mead, Dedmans Field, Yare Field.

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‘Dispute ends in Shoot-out’ POLICE SEEK DOCTOR & ACCOMPLICE

MANY of today’s magazines for men are allocated top-shelf positions less their content should prove a disturbing influence on the young and innocent. The ‘*Gentleman’s Magazine*’ began publication in January 1731, was no doubt a highly regarded journal and unlikely to have circulated widely amongst the uneducated classes, but the actions of the ‘gentlemen’ in the following account – which appeared in 1806 – can hardly be described as setting a good example for the younger generation.

This morning a duel was fought on Galleywood Common near Chelmsford Essex, between Lieut. Torrens and Surgeon Fisher both of 6th regiment of foot in barracks there. The parties with their seconds arrived on the spot appointed for the encounter at daybreak; when the preliminaries having been settled, they took a short distance, and turning round fired at the same instant. The Lieutenant received his opponents ball in the groin and immediately fell; on which Mr F went up and took him by the hand, expressing much regret at the lamentable consequence that had ensued; as from the nature of the wound, he was apprehensive it would prove mortal. Assistance having been procured, Lieut Torrens was removed to a windmill at short distance, and thence as soon as possible conveyed to his apartments in the barracks, where every attention was rendered that his unfortunate situation could require. The ball having lodged on the opposite to which it entered, was extracted by Dr Welch at 4 o'clock the same afternoon, but he expired between 9 and 10 the following morning. Coroner’s verdict, wilful murder against Mr F and the two seconds, one of whom is under arrest; but Mr F and the others have absconded.

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Gentleman : A well-born man, above the rank of yeoman, usually entitled to bear arms. It was assumed that he did not do manual work and the term gradually encompassed all the professions. *The Local Historian’s Encyclopedia by John Richardson*

Our next
meeting

The Story of GOLDEN MILLER



The Horse of the Century and his races on GALLEYWOOD COMMON

*An illustrated talk by
Ted Hawkins*

Ted will be showing pictures of the
GALLEYWOOD RACECOURSE
where the GALLEYWOOD RACES were held,
including a horse race scene on
GALLEYWOOD COMMON with horses
galloping across
the Margaretting Road at
the Eagle crossroads, lined
with spectators

Wednesday 3 March 2004
Keene Hall Watchouse Road
at 8 pm

DATES for your Diary

9 June 2004

The History of RIDLEY'S BREWERY
*A speaker from the brewery will recount the
history of this long established Essex brewery
based at Hartford End near Chelmsford.
RIDLEYS owns 'The Eagle' in Galleywood
and 'The Red Lion' in Margaretting.*

22 September
2004

KING EDWARD VI GRAMMAR SCHOOL
(KEGS) in Chelmsford, founded 450 years ago
*A talk by LORD HANNINGFIELD DL
who was born into a farming family in
West Hanningfield and was a former pupil and
foundation governor of the School*

“Parkers Croft”

Joan and Charles
Comport have
researched the history
of The Old Vicarage in
Stock Road where
they lived from
1977 to 1998



THE OLD VICARAGE was built in Victorian times on a piece of land earlier known as 'Parkers Croft', the earliest mention of which was at a Court Baron on 24th February 1680 when one Richard Stevens took over the tenancy from James Hussey "that parcel of land containing 3 acres and a cottage". This was an L shaped piece of land with the short leg fronting Stock Road and the other stretching back to Slades Lane; it was Copyhold land, i.e. held by a copy of the Court Rolls of a manor. The tenancy passed down to his son John Stevens, a witness of his will being William Bearman, presumably of Bearmans Farm nearby, and then to William Parker then John Bowtell then James Porter. Although these were the owners, other people were the actual occupiers. In 1836 George Porter sold this land to the Revd John Bramston for £312.10s.

John Bramston, Vicar of Gt. Baddow, came of a well known Essex family, the Bramstons of 'Skreens', Roxwell and in 1832 he had married Clarissa Trant, daughter of Brigadier Trant who had fought in the Napoleonic wars. He had built the chapel-of-ease at the crossroads and on part of Parkers Croft he built a house for his parish assistant, the Revd James Hamilton who later became Rector of Beddington. This house was at some stage named 'Laurel House'. In 1842 John Bramston left Gt. Baddow to become Vicar of Witham, going on to become Dean of Winchester and there is a Sports Centre in Witham named in his memory. He sold the house and garden to a Benjamin Wing of Writtle who settled it on his daughter Sarah when she married Charles Gray although the actual occupier was a Thomas Olley and his family. After the death of the Grays it passed to their eldest son Charles Wing Gray who converted the Copyhold to Freehold land at the cost of £83.10s.

In 1873 Arthur Pryor of Hylands began to build Galleywood Church and on 5th December he bought Laurel House for a vicarage. He demolished all except the northwest portion and the coach-house which were built in red-brick and built on an additional wing in pale stock brick with new reception and bedrooms with a new main entrance over which was inscribed the date '1874' which can still be seen. It remained the Galleywood Vicarage for almost 100 years until being sold in 1973 and it continues as a family home.